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UNIVERSITY HOUSING

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University Housing Newsletter

The University Housing Newsletter is a monthly publication of the department for staff members. It is YOUR news - you are encouraged to contribute articles or information to share with the department.

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April, 2013

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STAFF RECOGNIZED IN STUDENT AWARD CEREMONIES

April is the month the University and University Housing recognize accomplishments of staff and students. Housing staff and programs were recognized at the Student Involvement Awards, RA Staff Council Awards, and at the RIC/NRHH Banquet.

RA Staff Council Awards Housing Banquet

Held on April 26, these staff and programs were recognized:

Educational Program of the Year:
Jonathan Casey & NWQ for Diversity Week

Social Program of the Year:
Buch/Droke & Glad/Rip for Olympic Week

Faculty Collaboration:
Debra Henderson

Facilities/Staff Personnel of the Year:
Nickoa Guess

Secretary of the Year:
Darlene Roach & Debbie Hudson

RDA of the Year:
Olivia Tran

Rebecca Taylor Enthusiasm Award:
Megan Sunga

New RA of the Year:
Ashton Pohlman

Returning RA of the Year:
Sadaf Anet

CRE of the Year:
Danielle Dunn

Staff of the Year:
Humphreys Hall



Jonathan Casey and Andrew Powell



Sadaf Anet, Katherine Norwood, Angela Pyatt,
Justin Elkins and Ryan Veit



Nickoa Guess



Andrew Powell, Debbie Hudson,
Darlene Roach and Rachael Chase



Olivia Tran and Andrew Powell



Felisha Perrodin and
Megan Sunga

STAFF RECOGNIZED IN STUDENT AWARD CEREMONIES



**Adam Stafford and
Ashton Pohlman**



**Michael McAllister and
Sadaf Anet**



**Takama Statton-Brooks and
Danielle Dunn**



Humphreys Hall Staff (and Awards)

RIC/NRHH Banquet. April 15, 2013

Advisor of the Year:
Adam Stafford

Senator of the Year:
Joseph Youngblood, Walton Hall

Student of the Year:
Tyler Priest, Walton Hall

Program of the Year:
Night Market by Holcombe Hall

Residence Hall of the Year:
Pomfret Hall

Continuing Outstanding Service Award:
Jillian Patton, Walton Hall



Adam Stafford

Student Involvement Awards

Pomfret FYE (B-wing) received the Chancellor's Award for Academic Excellence for the Co-Ed Housing Division for Fall 2012.

Three of our Resident Assistants were honored for their participation in the NASPA Undergraduate Fellows Program: Jocelyn Sanders (Yocum), Meg Sunga (Yocum) and James Wages (Yocum).

Residents' Interhall Congress received the Outstanding Registered Student Organization Award.

Tyler Priest, NRHH Vice-President and ASG Chief of Staff, received the Outstanding RSO Member Award. Tyler is a current Walton resident and will be an RA in Founders Hall during the 2013-2014 school year.

Three of our Housing student leaders were recognized for their leadership and extracurricular involvement during the 2012-2013 school year as Student Leaders of the Month: Nick Dintelmann, RA in the Northwest Quad, December 2012; Tyler Priest, Walton resident and NRHH Vice-President, February 2013; Rachel Schluterman, Reid RA and Summer Conference Coordinator, April 2013.

Congratulations to all the winners and hopes for continued success in the future!

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN FACILITIES?



Nick Carter and his door rotisserie!



Electrical Renovations at Yocum Hall



New Addition to the Housing Fleet!

Nick Carter, Painter, had a problem. Normally, he would stain/finish one side of a new door, then, wait for it to dry, and, turn it over to stain/finish the other side. Problem: sometimes, due to weather and other factors, he might have to wait until the next day to flip the door over often requiring another person to stop what they were doing to help.

Nick had an idea to improve on that process and cleared it with Dave Pinter. A couple of days later, he showed Dave the actual device in use with a new door attached, and polyurethane already applied to both sides.

With his device, Nick applies the finish to one side and rotates immediately to the other side and completes it. It only took Nick about two hours to cut the metal and weld it himself from metal scraps he found at the shop so there was no material expense.

According to Dave Pitner: "Amazing! His invention saved us a lot of time the very first time he used it. There you go. One person just made a big difference. Nick's ingenuity plus effort equals time savings for our team and substantial cost savings to Housing. It's exciting to see what motivated people are able to contribute. I believe we have countless opportunities around us."



Eddie Flores, Nick Clark, Steve Smith, Jim Barker and Raymond Watts flipping the Pomfret pool table back over after Eddie built new legs for it.

POMFRET KITCHEN GRAND OPENING



On Thursday, April 11, 2013, the Pomfret Hall Senate hosted a grand opening of the newly renovated kitchen in the residence hall. In attendance, the Pomfret Hall Senate and Resident Assistants as well as the University Housing's Residence Education and Facilities personnel showed to support and celebrate the diligent work of the Hall Senate.

In Fall 2012, the Pomfret Hall Senate had a vision to make a positive and a tangible impact in the residence hall by passing the bill written and sponsored by Lizzi Reynolds and Lauren Hake to renovate the kitchen. An simple idea put into action by the members of the Hall Senate, but with collaboration of Housing Facilities to get the plans of project approved and to make sure the allocated funds were sufficient and reasonable. The Pomfret Hall Senate strived to capitalize on this opportunity for the residents to enhance their living experience.

In honor of the grand opening, the Pomfret Hall Senate hosted their weekly meeting in Pomfret Hall kitchen. These special individuals conducted their meeting in special way by baking desserts and being the first ones to use the kitchen in its full capacity. The residents of the Pomfret Hall like the reinvented kitchen and started using this space immediately. Recently, the Pomfret Hall Senate passed a bill to purchase new kitchen supplies to add the finishing touches for the kitchen.



LIVING AND LEARNING GREEN!

To start, last month we posted the final Recyclemania chart showing each hall's recycling total, but did not have the winner of the competition announced. Students across campus did a great job with recycling during the competition this year, but at this time we are proud to announce that the per capita winner of the bottle filling station is **Buchanan-Droke** with 5.26 pounds of recycled material per student.



living & learning green



This is the second year University Housing has teamed with local charities to remove gently used items students leave behind during move-out. These items are sold or donated through the charities' programs to benefit persons in northwest Arkansas. This year Habitat for Humanity and Big Brothers/Big Sisters are sharing the pick-up and redistribution responsibilities.

Housing is developing this as a program that continues throughout the year, finding ways to help students live and learn green from the time they move onto campus through the time they check-out in the spring.



Leave Green Receptacles at Maple Hill East



Habitat for Humanity Truck at the Northwest Quad

DIVERSITY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE



The 2013 Diversity Leadership Institute was held on April 13, 2013. This annual partnership with New Student & Family Programs was a huge success this year! Student staff from Residence Education and New Student & Family Programs attended over 30 different sessions on diversity and leadership related topics in order to help them get ready for their work with students and families for the 2013-2014 school year. Our keynote speaker this year was Mr. Vernon Wall, founding member of the Social Justice Training Institute. Students engaged and participated in activities that got them outside of their comfort zone. They also enjoyed a cultural exposition from Mexico Ballet Folklórico who not only danced, but presented background information about their dances. Current resident assistants also worked to put together the Tunnel of Oppression to bring awareness to different areas of oppression that our students may face. This was a student led and driven area developed by graduate assistants, resident assistants, No Woman Left Behind interns, and professional staff from our two offices. Thank you to all of the Housing and Student Affairs staff who helped to present and participated in this program.

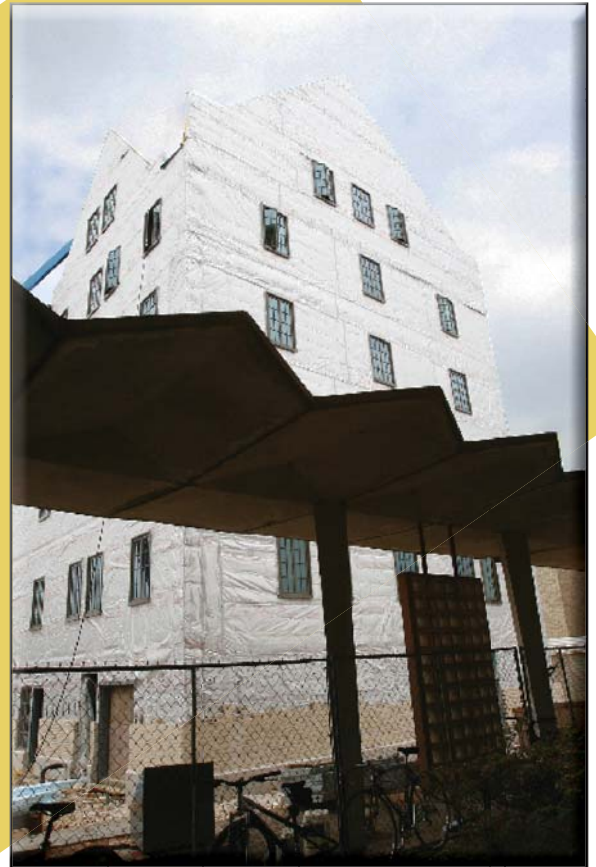
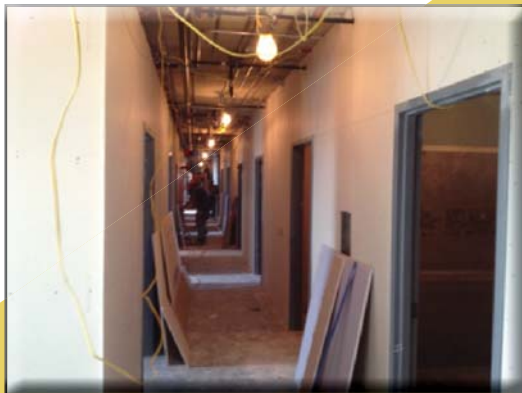


Mr. Vernon Wall



CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

FOUNDERS HALL



CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

HOTZ HONORS HALL



HOUSING ADMIN BLDG



ONE AMAZING DAY AT THE HOUSING ADMIN JOB SITE!

Praise Report submitted by Opp Guenard regarding progress at 960 Duncan, 4/9/13

I wanted to make sure you were aware of what took place on Tuesday at the job site. This is a praise report for Tremain's crew led by David (Tremain's superintendent).

There was forecasted 100% rain for Wednesday and the perimeter footings on the end of the building had been dug on Saturday. Good progress was made on Monday, but there was a long way to go on Tuesday (morning). David was in full agreement that we had to do whatever it took in order to get concrete in the footings prior to the rain.

Work started at 7 am on Tues. At 11:30; JHC fed all on the job site hamburgers. We stopped for 30 minutes to eat. At 7:45 pm I ordered pizza and drinks for those here at that time. It sat on the ground in the boxes until everyone had time to grab a slice at 9 pm and eat while they worked. At 1:57 am on Wednesday we pulled away from the job site.

Tremain's crew only sat down for 30 minutes at lunch for the entire 19 hour work day. There were no breaks. I know because I was in the office for only 5 minutes the entire period and only left to get the burgers. David and his guys are the hardest working, non-complaining group of men I believe I have ever worked with... Everyone had only one goal - finish the job! All of the other trades that were on the site during that 19 (hours) also were great. It was a nonstop team effort by all. Tremain's crew was on the job working again at 8 am the same Wednesday morning and worked til 4 pm when it started raining again.



- A: 7:42 am long way to go
- B: Noon-only break of the day
- C: 2 pm found old basement sump
- D: 8 pm almost ready
- E: 11 pm pumping north side tying south side
- F: Midnight 70 of 113 yards poured

ADDITIONAL KUDOS!



Andrew Powell

Andrew Powell, Futrall Hall Resident Assistant, a National Residence Hall Honorary, a New Student Orientation Mentor and campus leader has received a pair of prestigious scholarships.

The University Career Development Center announced that Andrew has been selected as the 2013-2014 Nola Holt Royster Scholarship recipient. According to the Career Development Center Andrew embodies the true spirit and mission of Dr. Nola Holt Royster. He excels academically; and serves his community. Andrew implemented this year the University of Arkansas' first TOMS "One Day Without Shoes" community service program. Over 30 shoes were collected and donated to Seven Hills Homeless Shelter. Across campus over 120 people removed their shoes for the day and pledged to spread the word about the program. TOMS Shoes are given through a network of humanitarian organizations that serve impoverished communities worldwide. Each organization provides TOMS Shoes to children in need along with their pre-existing health, education and community development programs.

Andrew also received notice from the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and the Institute of International Education (IIE), that he is selected as a recipient of the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship to support his study abroad experience this summer.

Congratulations, Mr. Powell, and best of success to you for your upcoming Senior year!

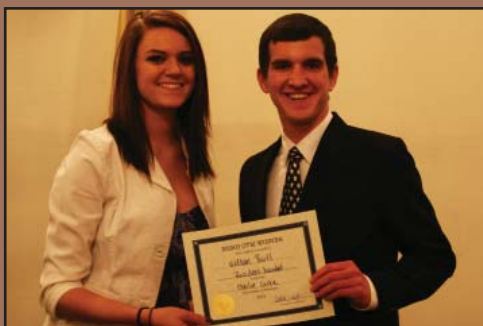


Shanna Darling, Katherine Norwood,
Angela Pyatt

Rounding Out the Semester's Of the Month Winners*

| Month | Category | Winner |
|----------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| January | Educational Program | Summer Job and Involvement Fair |
| January | Res Life Faculty/Staff | Bryttani Johnston Watson |
| February | Community Service Program | Arrest your RA, cupcakes, hooray! |
| February | Educational Program | Tour of Crystal Bridges |
| February | Resident Assistant | Nathan Pruitt |
| February | Social Program | DIY Headbands |
| February | Student | Colby Weishaar |
| March | Resident Assistant | |
| March | Regional Winner | Samantha Hampton |
| March | Social Program | Relay For Life Dance Party |

* Additional OTM Winners announced in the March Newsletter



Shanna Darling and Nathan Pruitt



Shanna Darling, Bryttani Watson,
Elizabeth McCloud

HOLCOMBE INTERNATIONAL LIVING/LEARNING COMMUNITY



Dance Around the World 2013

On Thursday, April 11, 2013, the Holcombe living room turned into one big dance floor as members of the UA community showcased dances from their respective countries. A Holcombe Hall Senate tradition for the past several years, Dance Around the World is a diverse event that includes food from different cultures followed by dancing. This year's event featured catering from A Taste of Thai, Kosmos, and Qdoba. Dancers representing Brazil, Senegal and Cameroon, Japan, Indonesia, Azerbaijan, and Bolivia gave the history of their dance, a performance, and some groups even offered tutorials at the end of their presentation. After the individual dancers, audience members were invited to the dance floor for a dance party. About 75 attendees came to the program. Special thanks to RIC for their donation to this event, a Holcombe Hall legacy!



Contributed by Beth Salmo
Photos by Chenwei Wu

HOLCOMBE INTERNATIONAL LIVING/LEARNING COMMUNITY

Storybooks/Oral Traditions Book Drive

On Wednesday, April 17, 2013, Holcombe Hall hosted a storybook reading program that doubled as a book drive. Students read their favorite storybooks and donated books. Special thanks to Futrall RA Kendra Buchele, who gathered over 100 brand new books donated by Scholastic for the drive! In total, 247 books were collected and donated to Peace at Home Thrift Store (affiliated with Peace at Home Family Shelter) on Friday, April 26. The books will be given to families served by the shelter for free, as well as sold in the thrift shop at 1200 N. Garland Ave in Fayetteville. Proceeds of all sales at the thrift shop go to the families the organization serves.



Holcombe Hall: Get A Job! 101

On Monday, April 22, 2013, approximately 20 students, from undergrads to doctoral candidates, attended a program dedicated to job searching and navigating the special circumstances international students have when looking for work. Guest speakers included career counselor Marshall Carter of the University Career Development Center; Dr. Charles Leflar, a professor of accounting in the Sam Walton College of Business; and Audra Johnston, Associate Director in the ISS office. Students spent 2 hours with the speakers learning about career development and networking. Special thanks to the guest speakers and ITS for use of A/V equipment that was instrumental in facilitating the program.



GOOD BYE AND FAREWELL!



On April 12 Housing wished Ned Bingham, Computer Systems Administrator, and his wife Katie, a fond farewell. The Bingham's are heading to Seattle, Washington for adventures as yet unknown.



PROMOTIONS ANNOUNCED

Congratulations to University Housing staff members receiving promotions in April!

Brian Bopp was promoted to Computer Systems Administrator.

Blake Mitchell has moved to the Housing Office at ARKA in her new position as Administrative Specialist II.



Brian Bopp



Blake Mitchell

HOUSING WELCOMES A NEW FISCAL SUPPORT STUDENT WORKER



Jia Jie Ong (JJ)

The Housing Finance team would like to welcome Jia Jie Ong (JJ), a new Fiscal Support Student worker, to the team. He is a Freshman with the Dept of Supply Chain Management, with major in Logistics. His primary role is to track and analyze utilities expenses and buildings maintenance charges.

We also would like to wish Hannah Mertz who will be graduating this Spring semester the best of luck in her future endeavors. She was our Fiscal Support Student worker until end of April.

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On behalf of the CRE Recruitment team, I'd like to say a huge THANK YOU for all of the CREs who have given their time and energy during CRE recruitment the past few weeks! Thank you to our awesome hosts- EmmaLe Davis, Mike Beaver, Mike McAllister, Andrea Allan, and Jen Conyac- and thank you to all who have gone to meals and shown their apartments to candidates. We really appreciate you!

David M. Stout

I would like to congratulate Chris Cooke and Brad Mize on passing their Arkansas HVACR contractor's license test.

Aaron D. England

2013-14 RESIDENT ASSISTANTS

